

STATE OF MINNESOTA

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD

**In the Matter of Invenenergy's Application for a
Site Permit for the Cannon Falls Energy
Center plant.**

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
SCOPING DECISION
EQB Docket No. 04-85-PPS-Cannon Falls EC**

The above-entitled matter came before the Chair of the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (MEQB) for a decision on the scope of the Environmental Assessment (EA) to be prepared on the proposed Cannon Falls Energy Center plant.

The EQB held a public meeting on September 22, 2004, to discuss the project with the public and to solicit input into the scope of the EA to be prepared. The public was given until September 30 to submit written comments regarding the scope of the EA.

Having consulted with the EQB staff, I hereby make the following Scoping Order.

MATTERS TO BE ADDRESSED

The EA on the Cannon Falls Energy Center plant project will address the following matters:

- 1.0 INTRODUCTION (A brief overview of the process and identification of what is discussed in the document)
 - 1.1 Purpose and Need
 - 1.2 Regulatory requirements
- 2.0 PROJECT DESCRIPTION (The following specific features of the proposed power plant as proposed by the applicant will be described)
 - 2.1 General
 - 2.2 Description of Power Generating Equipment and Processes
 - 2.3 Air Emission Control Equipment
 - 2.4 Water Use
 - 2.5 Wastewater
 - 2.6 Solid and Hazardous Waste Generation
 - 2.7 Fuel Supply
 - 2.8 Construction
 - 2.9 Electrical Interconnection
 - 2.10 Pipeline
- 3.0 ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING (A brief description of the preferred site)

- 4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF THE PROPOSED LEPGP (This section will describe the potential environmental effects of locating the project on the site proposed by the applicant)
 - 4.1 Air Quality
 - Potential to Emit
 - Criteria Pollutants
 - Hazardous Air Pollutants
 - Air Emissions Risk Assessment
 - 4.2 Biological Resources
 - Flora
 - Fauna
 - Rare & Unique Natural resources
 - 4.3 Cultural, Archeological and Historic Resources
 - 4.4 Geology and Soils
 - 4.5 Health and Safety
 - 4.6 Land Use
 - Zoning
 - Displacement
 - Aesthetics & Visual Impacts
 - Recreation Areas
 - 4.7 Noise
 - Project Noise
 - Noise Standards
 - Current Noise Environment
 - 4.8 Socioeconomics
 - 4.9 Transportation
 - 4.10 Water Resources
 - Surface Water
 - Groundwater
 - Wetlands
 - 4.11 Waste Management and Disposal
 - Wastewater
 - Solid Waste
 - Hazardous Waste
- 5.0 PERMITS (A list of all permits that will be required by the applicant to construct the project will be included)
- 6.0 ANALYSIS OF MITIGATIVE MEASURES (Any specific measures for mitigating potential environmental or human impacts of the proposed power plant will be described)
- 7.0 ACRONYMS, ABBREVIATIONS and DEFINITIONS

ISSUES OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF THE EA

The EQB will not, as part of this environmental review, consider the following matter:

1. Whether a different size or different type of power plant should be built.
2. The no-build option.
3. Any alternative sites for the proposed plant.

IDENTIFICATION OF PERMITS


The EA will include a list of permits that will be required for the applicant to construct this project.

SCHEDULE

The EA will be completed by November 15, 2004.

Signed this 1 day of October, 2004

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Robert A. Schroeder, Chair